IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER,
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO : 19714 of 2004

Between:

Hari Shankar Sharma, S/o. Late Rajnandhan sharma,
R/o. 504, Rajeswari Towers, Panjagutta, Hyderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary,
   Home Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, West Zone, Masab Tank,
Hyderabad.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ, Order or Direction more particularly in the nature of Writ Mandamus declaring the inaction of the respondent No.2 in not re-registering gun licence to the petitioner as arbitrary, illegal, unjust and violative of Art 19(1) (f) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondent No.2 to re-register the gun licence to the petitioner.

Counsel for the Petitioner :MR.C.M.R.VELU

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following :

ORDER:

The petitioner states that he is holding Arms licence issued by the Government of Nagaland bearing No.891/Mon, valid upto 31.12.2004 and possessing one 12 Bore SBBL gun bearing No.53379 A/96/2001. It appears that thereafter he has shifted his residence from Nagaland to Gaya in Bihar during the year 1998 and got his licence re-registered in the State of Bihar. Subsequently, he has shifted from Bihar to Ranga Reddy District during the year 2003, and made a representation on 22.01.2003, requesting the second respondent for re-registration of his licence and he also submitted his original Arms licence. His application was acknowledged by the office of the second respondent. The only grievance of the petitioner is that the respondents failed to consider his application dated 22.01.2003, and no order has been passed so far. Hence this writ petition.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondents, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the second respondent to consider the application of the petitioner dated 22.01.2003, and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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02.11.2004

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To

1. The Principal Secretary, State of Andhra Pradesh,
   Home Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, West Zone, Masab Tank, Hyderabad.
3. Two C.Cs to the G.P. for Home, High Court Buildings, Hyderabad (OUT).
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